

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 remain pending in the present application.

RESTRICTION

In the Office Action mailed October 6, 2005, in the above captioned case, the Examiner has stated that the present Application contains six patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. As such, the Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Specifically, the Examiner has required the Applicants to elect between a first species, species A, as shown in Figure 2A, a second species, species B, as shown in Figure 2B, a third species, species C, as shown in Figures 3A and 3B a fourth species, species D, as shown in Figure 4A, a fifth species, species E, as shown in Figure 4B, and a sixth species, species F, as shown in Figure 5.

The Official Action asserts that no claims are generic. Applicants respectfully traverse. Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 8 is generic.

For this reason, Applicants respectfully assert that the restriction requirement is overcome, and respectfully solicit withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE BETWEEN
SPECIES A, B, C, D, E and F

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.143, Applicants indicate a provisional election, with traverse, of Species A, as shown in Figure 2A. Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-21 and 35-41 read upon Species A.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

CONCLUSION


Claims 1-41 remain pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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